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BAREFOOTZ

funnies #3

FOR
ADULTS
ONLY

I'D LIKE
FOR THIS COMIC BOOK
TO BE AS **GOOD** AND
AS **HONEST** AND AS
FUNNY AS... AS THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE
THEMSELVES!!

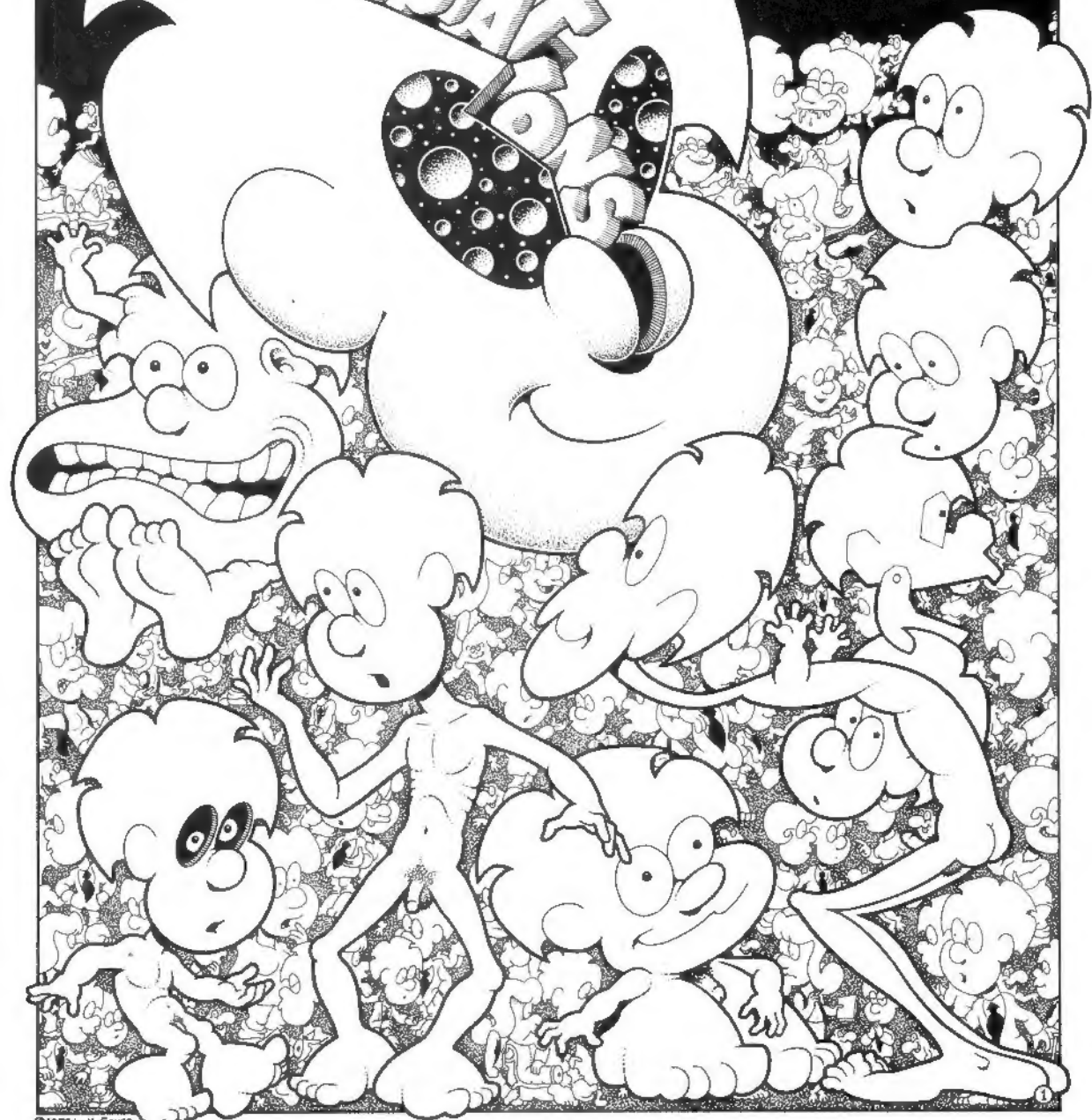
...SO I TOLD TH'
FUZZ, IT'S **GOTTA** BE
ARSON! I MEAN, **137 LILY**
PADS DON'T JUST BURN
DOWN IN TWO WEEKS
BY **SPONTANEOUS**
COMBUSTION!!...





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BAREFOOTZ
AS A FUNNY
ANIMAL...



we're arty!

we're erotic!

we're chic!



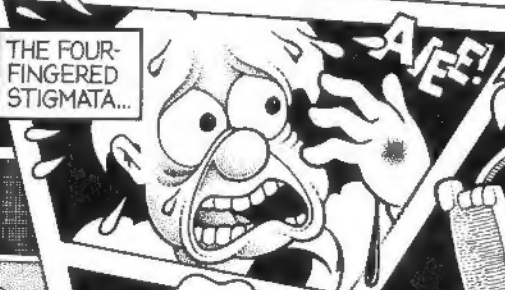
THE CAST
RE-CAST!

HE'S
BROKEN
OUT!

THAT'S RIGHT, BILL....
TO ME MY CHARACTERS
SEEM LIKE **REAL PEOPLE**
MADE OF **FLESH**
AND **BLOOD**,
WITH THEIR
OWN **DREAMS**,
HEARTACHES...

YAWN!
...AND
DISTURBING
THYROID
IRREGU-
LARITIES..?

THE FOUR-
FINGERED
STIGMATA...



CARTOONIST
CRUSE IS
INTERVIEWED...



...AND
HE SHALL
HAVE REALLY
BIG FEET...

BIG
FEET..?

I
MEAN
REALLY
BIG FEET...

HEADRACK FEELS
SULLIED BY THE
SEVENTIES...



WHO'RE
YOU CALLIN'
'CUTESY'?

BAREFOOTZ
ANSWERS HIS
CRITICS...



THINGS
JUST
DON'T
HAVE
MEANING
LIKE THEY
USED TO,
Y'KNOW?

LIKE
LAST NIGHT
I **BOYCOTTED**
EVERY **GRAPE**
IN THE
FRIDGE...

THE
END OF
THE WORLD
IS THE FIRST
ISSUE I'VE
BEEN ABLE TO
GET MY **TEETH**
INTO FOR
YEARS!

ME,
TOO!

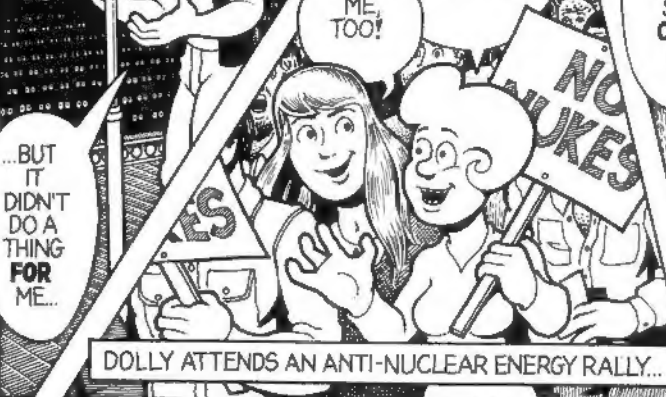
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COMING IS
FORETOLD...

IT'S
TH' **ONLY**
WAY TO
WIPE TH'
SLATE
CLEAN,
PAL!



...BUT
IT
DIDN'T
DO A
THING
FOR
ME...

DOLLY ATTENDS AN ANTI-NUCLEAR ENERGY RALLY...



PAYING FOR
THE SINS OF
HIS SPECIES...



HELP
ME!
P.S.

OH, **GOD!** I FORGOT TO TURN OFF THE **BATHROOM FAUCET** IN MY LAST INCARNATION!

Y'KNOW, I THINK
EVERYTHING'S BASICALLY
GONNA TURN OUT **ALL RIGHT...**
IF NOT IN **OUR** LIFETIME OR ON
THIS PLANET, THEN ON **SOME**
PLANET **SOMEWHERE** IN SOME
GALAXY OR OTHER
SOMETIME
IN THE
FUTURE...

HMM...GIMME
ABOUT **THREE**
MORE TOKES
AN' I THINK
THAT'LL BE
REASSURING...

BAREFOOTZ
THE OPTIMIST

SEEMS
LIKE THESE
DECISIONS
USED TO BE
EASIER...

SLOGGING THROUGH
THE FROGS OF ETERNITY...

WORKERS!
GIVE ME
WORKERS
TO EXPLOIT!

...ALSO
SMALL
NATIONS!

DON'T
FORGET
TO VOTE!

PULL ONE LEVER

☐  GOOD

☐  EVIL

SO THIS
IS THE
'UNDER-
GROUND'!

THE OBLIGATORY FUCK SCENE

OHK,
BAREFOOTZ...I
ALWAYS **KNEW**
IT WOULD
BE SO
FINE...

BAREFOOTZ AS A
CAPITALIST PIG...

AND
WHAT WOULD
YOU LIKE FOR
CHRISTMAS,
HOWIE?

**SYNDICATED
COMIC
STRIP?**

...AN
ANIMATED
FILM?

...A
REGULAR
SPOT IN
PLAYBOY?

I MAY **LOOK SQUARE**, BUT I'VE DONE ENOUGH ACID TO TURN A **RHINOCEROS** INTO **YOGURT**, OFFED MORE **PIGS** THAN **HORMEL**, AND DURING MY STINT WITH THE **COSMIC VOMIT PRESS SERVICE**, I WROTE THE **BOOK ON LIBERATING NEWSPAPER HEIRESES**, FRAGGING **CUB SCOUT TROOPS**, AND SUBJECTING **DRUNKEN SHRINERS** TO POLITICALLY HUMILIATING INDOCTRINATIONS WITH **RANCID MARMALADE** AND USED **DENTAL FLOSS!**

HE'S
LEAD

APPEARANCES CAN
BE DECEPTIVE!

NOT ME,
SANTA...
I WANT
TO STAY
PURE!

COME
OUT
WIT' YER
TENTACLES
UP! *C

GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS TRY TO REGULATE GLORY...AT THEIR PERIL!



BENEATH THE FACE
OF THE POOL WAITS
THE POOL ITSELF...



HEY,
CHUMP...THAT
HAIR'S 1970,
NOT 1980!

TRY A
'BOUFFANT',
SLICK!

HEADRACK'S STYLE
DOESN'T 'MAKE IT'
IN THE GAY BARS...

A 'PRO' DISCUSSES ART...



SURE, INGMAR
BERGMAN'S **GREAT**
AT MAKIN' LITTLE
'INGMAR BERGMAN
MOVIES', BUT IF INGMAR
BERGMAN'D GET OFF HIS
ASS AND MAKE **'JAWS'**
-THAT'S WHEN HE'D
BE IN TH' **BIG**
MONEY!



BAREFOOTZ
IS MISTAKEN
FOR A MASS-
MURDERER...

EEEEK!
THAT'S HIM!
I'LL NEVER
FORGET THAT
POINTY
YELLOW
HAIR!

JOG...FOR
A BETTER
WORLD!



OH, THEY'RE
CURIN' IT, Y'SAY?
I THOUGHT THEY
WAS **GIVIN'**
IT OUT!

I
BAPTIZE
YOU IN
THE NAME
OF THE
FATHER,
THE **SON,**
AND THE
HOLY
MOLEY!

PRaise The
LORD!

V.D.
CENTER

...AN' THEN
I'M SUPPOSED
TO **HUNT,** LIKE,
THAT WE
SHOULD
SCREW...

UHH...
RIGHT, BUT
I DON'T
PICK UP ON
IT...

UNDERSTUDIES ARE
ALWAYS 'AT THE READY'...

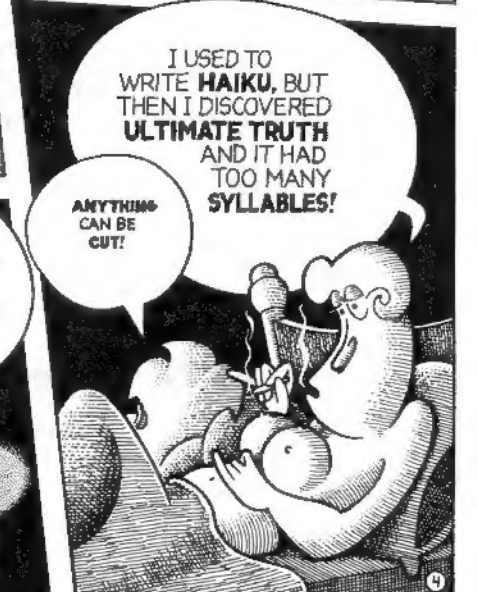


FAT DADDY!

YIPPEE!

OOK!

bouncy-bouncy



I USED TO
WRITE **HAIKU,** BUT
THEN I DISCOVERED
ULTIMATE TRUTH
AND IT HAD
TOO MANY
SYLLABLES!

ANYTHING
CAN BE
CUT!

GLOP!

BAREFOOTZ AS A
BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN...

THE LATEST OPINION POLLS INDICATE THAT MOST AMERICANS, WHILE CREDITING CRUISE WITH SINCERITY, CONSIDER HIS ACTUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS AN UNDERGROUND CARTOONIST TO BE MINIMAL...

HA HA!
WHO NEEDS
APPROVAL??

DON'T
GIMME THAT
'TOLERANCE'
SHIT,
WHITEY!

BAREFOOTZ
AS A BLACK
REVOLUTIONARY...

D-DON'T
MAKE
F-FROGS
AT ME,
GLORY...

ORDINARY
PHENOMENA
CAN TURN UGLY...

Shake Your Booty

IT'S NOT
WHAT I HAD
IN MIND...

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

HOW
MANY ARE
ENOUGH..?

GROW MORE GENITALS!

IT'S NOT
WHAT'S
ON THE
OUTSIDE
-IT'S
WHAT'S
ON THE
INSIDE!

PLEASE...JUST
A DOLLAR FOR
BUS FARE..?

IGNORE
HIM,
GEORGE!

MUST INNOCENCE
GO BEGGING?

YESSIR,
THOSE
OLD-TIMEY
COCKROACHES
WERE A
DIFFERENT
BREED!

WILL AGE BRING WISDOM?

THAT'S
MY
NAVEL!

NO,
IT'S
MY
NAVEL!

IT WORKS BOTH WAYS...

CONTEMPLATION OF REALITY DOESN'T MAKE IT TRUE!



IT SEEMS AS THOUGH IT'S TRYIN' TO SAY...



...NOT WITHSTANDIN' THE INEVITABLE AMBIGUITIES OF LANGUAGE...



-OR IS THAT THE POINT?...



...TRANSPARENCY CAN BE A RED HERRING...



...EXCEPT INVERTED TO HIGHLIGHT TH' PARADOXES...

...STILL, NATURE YEARNS FOR TH' SIMPLE...

BUT IS NATURE TH' FINAL ARBITER OF ITS OWN MIRROR?



...THERE'S ALWAYS TH' DANGER OF CONFUSING SURFACE TOPOLOGY WITH FORMAL IMAGERY...



SUBLIMINAL RAZZLE-DAZZLE MAKES FOR SLIPPERY METAPHORS...



WATCH TH' VAPOR CONDENSE ON ITS MEANING'S NOSE...

...WHILE THE UNDERTOW BOILS WITH PARALLEL CROSS-CURRENTS...



IF YOU BLINK, IT VANISHES...

...SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE BEHIND IT...

LOOK FOR TH' SOLID AND THEN EXTRAPOLATE...

YEAH, WE'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE!

TELL IT TO TH' BOYS IN TH' BACK ROOM!



THIS IS SHOW BIZ, KIDDO!

THREE YUKS A PAGE OR IT'S BACK TO TH' BORSCHT BELT!

'DO TH' BIZ OR FORGET TH' JIZ!'

-YER MAMA DON'T CARE NO MORE!

THE END



ISN'T
MODERN
TECHNOLOGY
WONDERFUL?

BAREFOOTZ

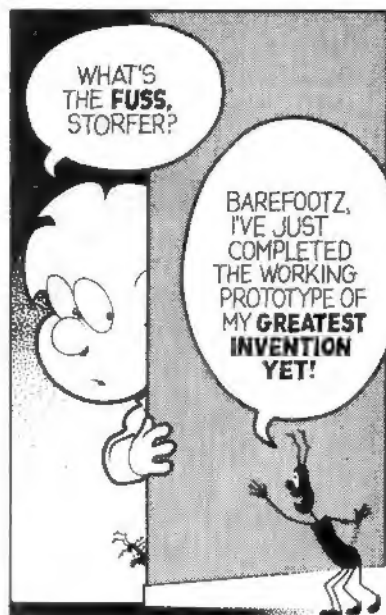
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...in
**"Science
MARCHES
ON!"**



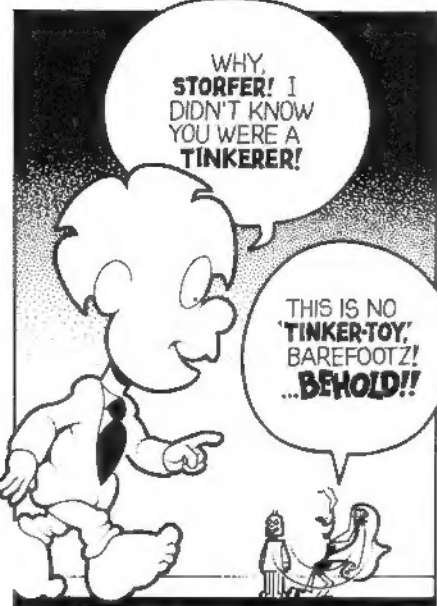
GESUNDHEIT...

EUREKA!



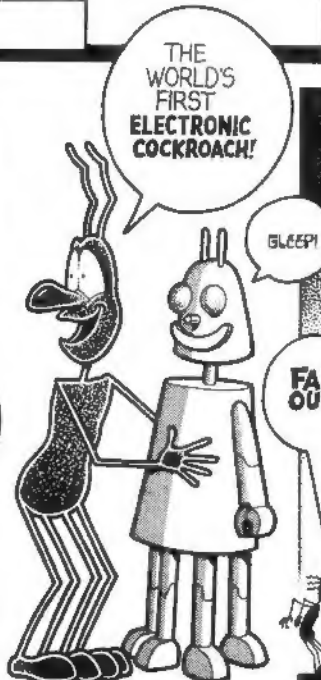
WHAT'S
THE **FUSS**,
STORFER?

BAREFOOTZ,
I'VE JUST
COMPLETED
THE WORKING
PROTOTYPE OF
MY **GREATEST
INVENTION
YET!**



WHY,
STORFER! I
DIDN'T KNOW
YOU WERE A
TINKERER!

THIS IS NO
'TINKER-TOY',
BAREFOOTZ!
...**BEHOLD!!**



THE
WORLD'S
FIRST
**ELECTRONIC
COCKROACH!**

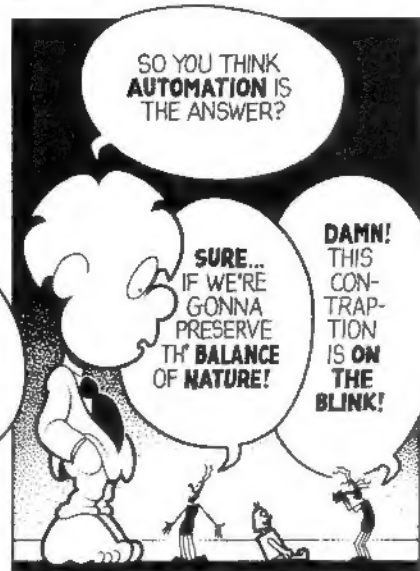
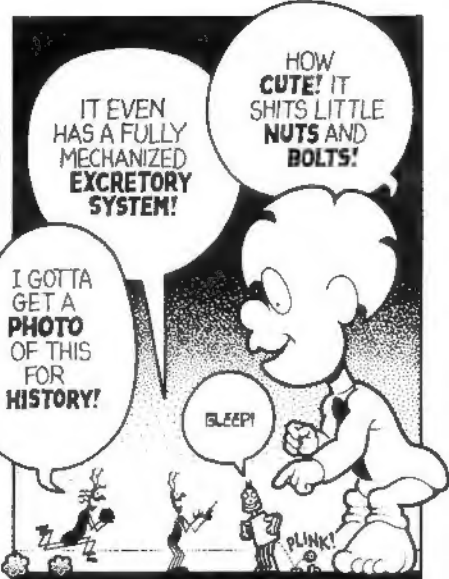
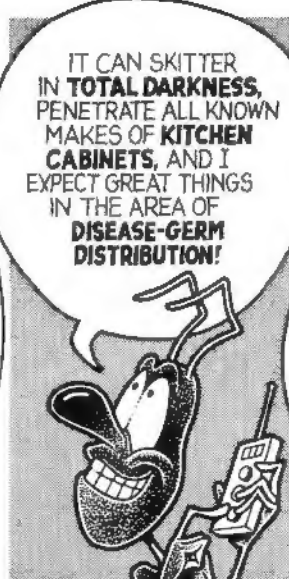
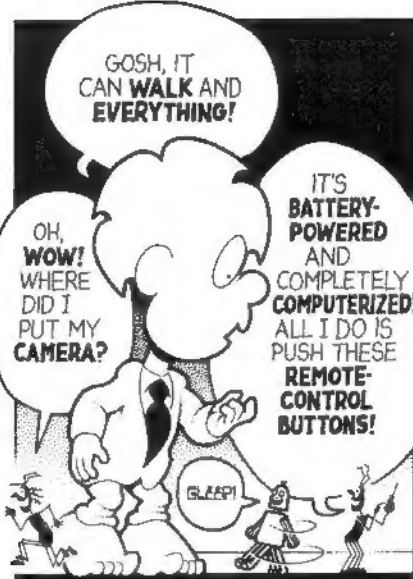
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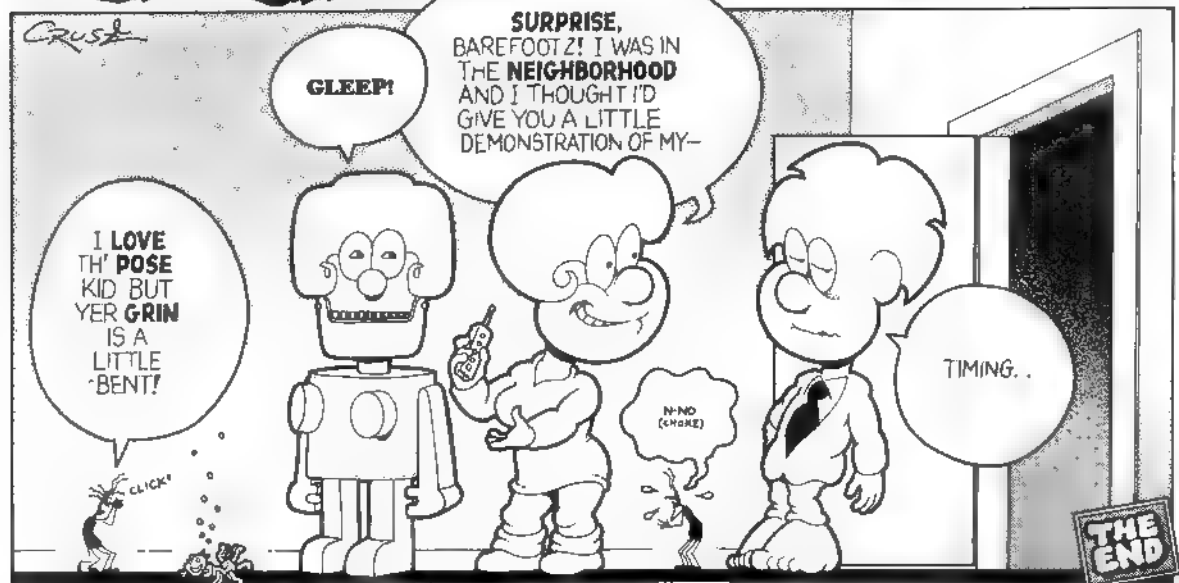
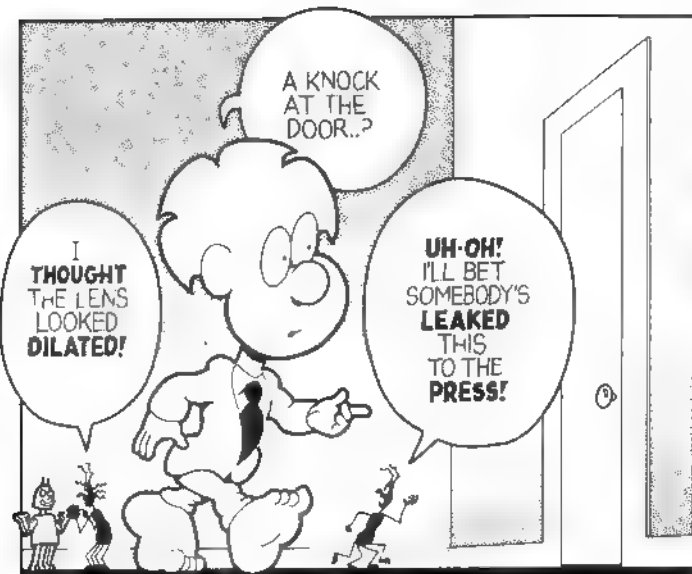
**FAR
OUT!**



A
**ROBOT
ROACH?!**

YEH...
I'VE
FINALLY
GOTTEN
THE
**BUGS
OUT**
OF IT!

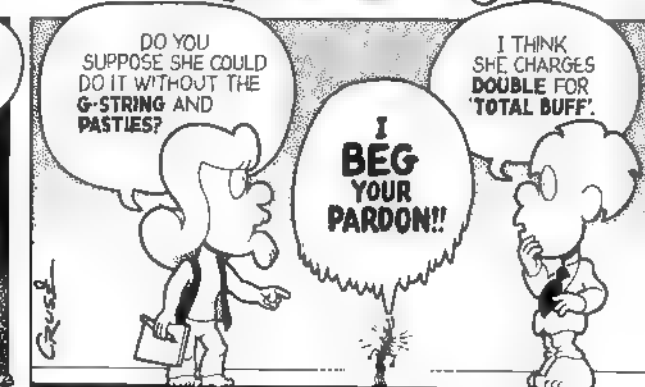
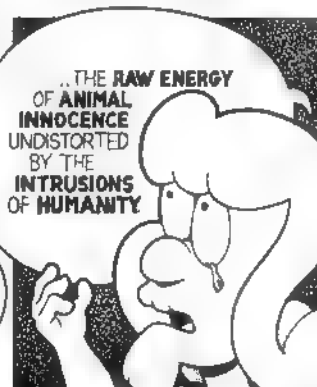
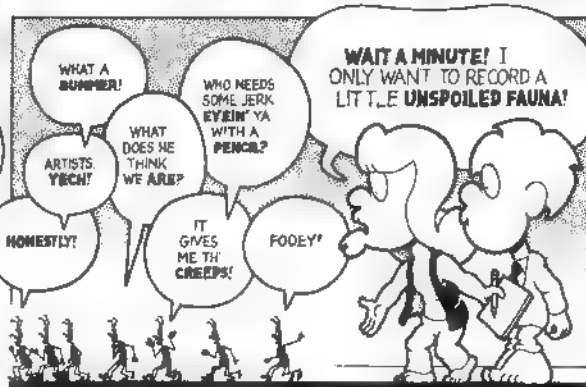
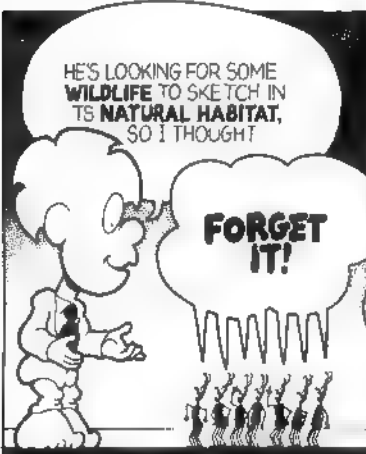




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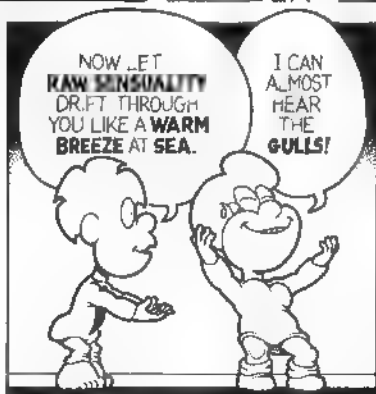
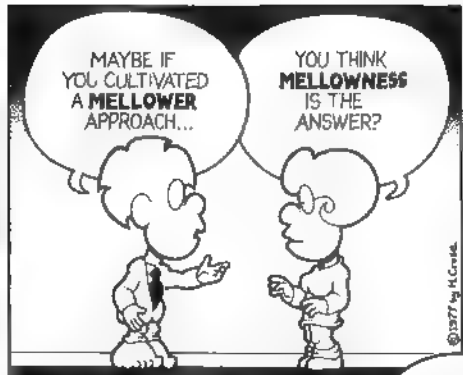
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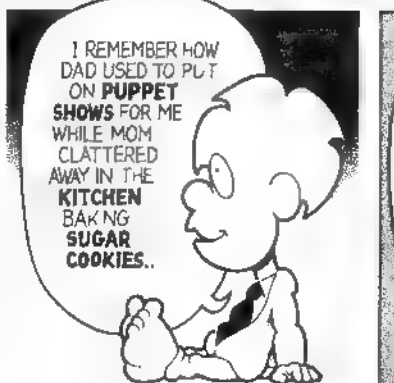
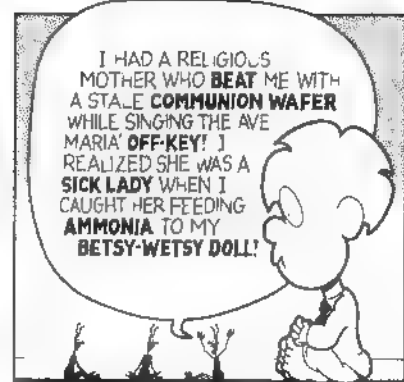
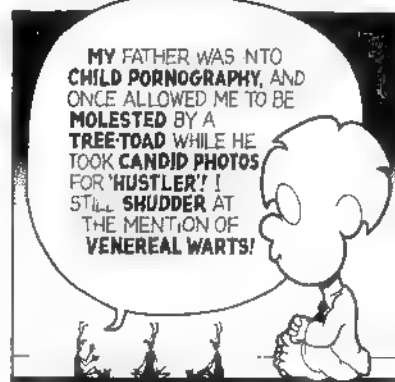
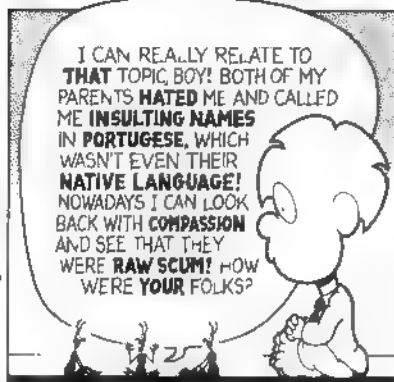
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PAINTING PORTRAITS ISN'T AS EASY AS IT MIGHT SEEM, BAREFOOTZ!

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT I HAD A PRETTY SIMPLE FACE FOR DRAWING. ACTUALLY

ALMOST CARTOONY!

IT'S YOUR MOUTH THAT'S GIVING ME FITS!

I CAN'T SEEM TO GET IT RIGHT!

MAYBE IF I TURN IT UP AT THE CORNER HERE

NOPE... THAT'S STILL NOT IT!

I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU, HEADRACK!

NO MATTER WHAT I DO IT'S JUST THE SLIGHTEST BIT OFF!

C'MON, YOU MOUTH... SHAPE UP!

NOW DON'T LET ME GET YOU OVERWROUGHT...

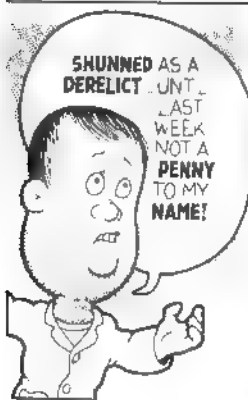
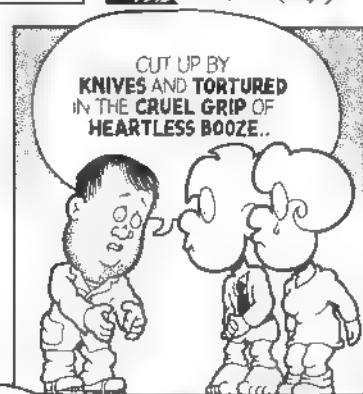
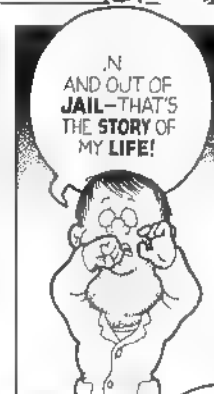
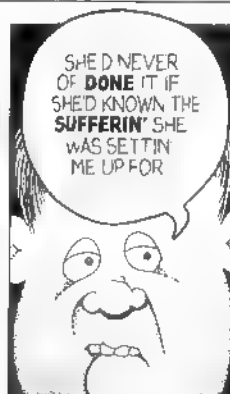
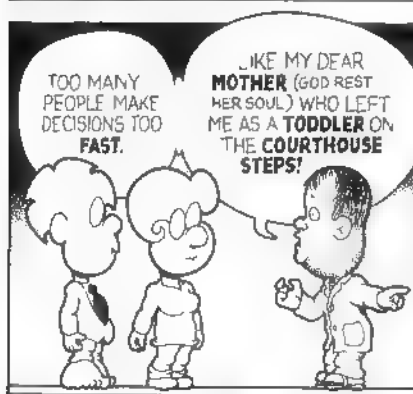
I CAN'T STAND IT!!

YARRGH!

SMASH!

DO YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT IT NOW?

NOT QUITE. IT STILL NEEDS A LITTLE MORE WORK AROUND THE EYES.



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THE
VETERINARIAN'S
HERE,
BAREFOOTZ!

AND
WHICH ONE
OF YOU FELLOWS
IS IN
DISTRESS?

IT'S
GLORY THAT
I CALLED YOU
ABOUT, DOC!

DOES
BEIN' **HORNY**
COUNT?

OH...YOU
MEAN THAT
UH—**THING**
THAT LIVES
UNDER YOUR
BED?

THAT'S
RIGHT I
WAS JUST
TAKING HER
TEMPERATURE!

ARE YOU
TAKING IT
ORALLY OR
RECTALLY?

WELL,
WITH **GLORY**
IT'S KIND OF
A **MOOT**
DISTINCTION!

YES, I
SEE WHAT
YOU MEAN!

NO
FEVER TO
SPEAK OF!

HER
TAIL-FEATHERS
LOOK A BIT
WILTED TO ME!

OH, THAT'S
PROBABLY FROM THE
HARSH **DANDRUFF**
SHAMPOO SHE'S
BEEN USING!

HERE,
BABY...
LET ME
FEEL YOUR
PULSE...

CAREFUL,
DOCT HER
TENTACLES
ARE
ERGOEMOUTH!

SHE'S A
FRISKY
LITTLE
DEVIL,
ISN'T
SHE?

EXACTLY
WHAT **IS** IT
THAT MAKES
YOU THINK
SHE'S
ILL?

SHE
JUST SEEMS
DIFFERENT
SOMEHOW

WELL, I'LL
CHECK OUT HER
HEART
RATE
TO BE
SAFE...

SOMETHING
ABOUT HER
JUST SNT
NORMAL...

HOW
STRANGE! ALL
I'M PICK'NG UP S
JEANETTE MACDONALD
AND **NELSON EDDY**
SING'NG SELECTIONS
FROM **'THE**
MIKADO?'

THAT'S
WHAT IT IS!
GLORY'S ALWAYS
BEEN INTO
ROCK!

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YOU DON'T THINK A JUMPROPE MIGHT BE AWKWARD TO **USE** UNDER A **BED**?

IT'S EASIER THAN **RUNNING LAPS!**

HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY **CHANGES** IN HER **BEHAVIOR**?

I'M WORRIED ABOUT **GLORY, DOCTOR!**

SHE DOES LOOK A LITTLE **PEAKED, BAREFOOTZ!**

MAYBE IF SHE GOT MORE **EXERCISE...**

I BOUGHT HER A **JUMPROPE** LAST WEEK.

WELL, SHE HASN'T **MADE FROGS** AT ME IN A **MONTH!**

'MADE **FROGS**'?

WHEN **GLORY** GETS **ANNOYED**, SHE TENDS TO **DISCHARGE** LARGE NUMBERS OF **FROGS** AT YOU!

IT'S JUST A **PERSONAL QUIRK!**

I SEE...

IT'S QUITE AN **EXPLOSION!** I'VE SEEN HER **TURN OUT** MORE THAN A **HUNDRED** OF THEM IN A **MINUTE!**

IT'S CRAZY, BUT I KINDA **MISS** THE OLD **FEISTY GLORY!**

SHE'S STOPPED **PRODUCING FROGS** **ENTIRELY, THEN?**

Thumpa
Thumpa
Thumpa
Thumpa
Thumpa...

OH A **FBI** **DR BBLE** OUT EVERY NOW AND THEN BUT—

...SHE LACKS **CONVICTION, EH?**

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DO YOU
THINK YOU
CAN CURE
GLORY,
DOC?

RELAX, SON!
MODERN MEDICINE HAS
MADE **GREAT STRIDES**
IN RECENT
YEARS!

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THANK
GOD! I'VE
BEEN SO
WORRIED
ABOUT
HER!



FORTUNATELY I
BROUGHT ALONG SOME
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
THAT'S MADE TO ORDER!

SHE'S
ALMOST
LIKE A
MEMBER
OF MY
FAMILY!



I'M NOT
SURE I'D
WANT TO
MEET THAT
MEMBER

HANG ON,
GLORY! THE
DOCS GONNA
HAVE YOU
AS **GOOD**
AS **NEW!**



I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
THE CHANCE TO
USE THIS BABY!

WOW! THAT'S
DOWNRIGHT
FORMIDABLE!

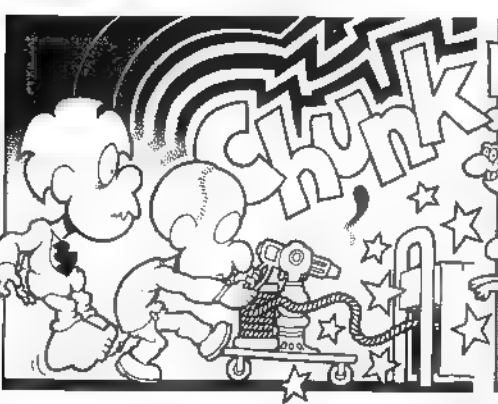


BEEN HITTING
THE **NEIGHBORHOOD**
GARAGE SALES AGAIN
—EH DOC?

**HOLD
YOUR
EARS!**



BOOM!



CLUNK!



GROK! GROK! GROK! GROK!



I'D SAY
HER **BODY**
EMISSIONS
ARE BACK
TO NORMAL
AT LEAST!

THAT'LL BE
\$35 FOR THE
HOUSE CALL
AND \$250
FOR THE
HARPOON!

GEE,
DOC I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU WERE
LICENSED FOR
ACUPUNCTURE!

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HEY
LOOK,
EVERYBODY!

BAREFOOTZ
BROUGHT
US A
PRESENT!

oBoy!

IT'S
NOTHING
REALLY,
GANG

IT'S JUST THAT
WITH MORE THAN
A **THOUSAND
COCKROACHES**
IN THIS
APARTMENT,
**INTER-
COMMUNICATION**
IS BECOMING
A **PROBLEM!**

WHIZZAT?

MUH?

SO I PICKED US
UP A BRAND NEW
**BULLETIN
BOARD!**

WELL,
WOULD
YOU
LOOK
AT THAT
BUGGER!

BIEN
APPROPOS!

SEE? AND I'VE
A...READY PUT SOME
THUMB-TACKS IN IT!

CLASSY!
CLASSY!

LET'S
HEAR IT FOR
BAREFOOTZ!

SO F ANYBODY'S
GOT A **MESSAGE**,
JUST TACK IT
UP FOR ALL
TO SEE!

CELEBR!

CELEBR!

WELL, I'VE
GOT A MESSAGE
FOR ALL OF YOU
-I CAN TELL
YOU **THAT!**

I'VE BEEN
COMMUNING
WITH **GOD**
RECENTLY,
AND HE IS
GETTING
VERY
LIF GLUT!

HE TOLD ME TO
WARN YOU TO REPENT, MY
CHILDREN, AND TURN AWAY
FROM YOUR **SINFUL PATHS**
OF **HEDONISTIC LUST** AND
SENSUAL WICKEDNESS..

POUNCE!

?

ONCE
AGAIN, MY
ENTRANCE
APPEARS
ILL-TIMED...

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LAST NIGHT
I WENT TO
A **SINGLES'**
BAR AND
MET THIS
GORGEOUS
NORWEGIAN
INSTRUCTOR!

DID
YOU **MAKE**
IT WITH
HIM?

IS HER
NAME
DOLLY?

LEMME **TELL**
YA, HEADRACK...
THIS GUY KNEW
TRICKS THEY
HAVEN'T
EVEN
THOUGHT
ABOUT
MAKING
ILLEGAL
YET!

SOUNDS
LIKE AN O.K.
NIGHT!

AFTERWARDS,
THOUGH, I
STARTED
FEELING
EMPTY AND
BLAH!

THE WHOLE
THING WAS KIND
OF **IMPERSONAL!**

YEAH, I
KNOW HOW
IT GOES!

GAY
BARS ARE
THE **SAME**
FUCKIN'
SCENE!

SATURDAY
I WENT HOME
WITH A POETIC
JEWISH **LIFEGUARD**
FROM AKRON!

JUST
YOUR
TYPE,
EH?

LISTEN,
HE WAS
BEAUTIFUL!
BUT STILL...

WAS IT
THE SAME
WAY WITH
YOU?

YEP!
SENSUAL
BUT
IMPERSONAL!

THERE'S A
FLAW IN
TH' SYSTEM
SOMEWHERE!

HOW'S **YOUR**
SEX LIFE,
BAREFOOTZ?

OH
NOTH'NG
VERY
DRAMATIC
TO REPORT!

I'VE
GOTTEN PRETTY
BURNED OUT ON
GOING TO BED
WITH **STRANGERS,**
FRANKLY!

THESE DAYS
I ONLY HAVE
IMPERSONAL...
SEX WITH
VERY CLOSE
FRIENDS!

RIGHT
ON!

IT'S
THE
ONLY
WAY!

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YULETIDE SCAMPS

I
DECLARE!
YOU
COCKROACHES
WHIP UP A
MEAN
CHRISTMAS
TREE!

WE'VE
BEEN AT IT
ALL DAY,
BAREFOOTZ!

WE MUST VE
STRUNG A
HUNDRED
MILES OF
POPCORN!

WE'VE STRUNG
COOKIES, BALLS,
PAPER ANGELS,
SUGAR
BAGELS,
BOTTLE
CAPS...

CHRISSY'S
EVEN
STRINGIN'
A TENNIS
RACKET!

QUIT
JIGGLIN'
ME!

LOOK!
WE'VE
EVEN
GOT ALL
OF OUR
SOCKS
HUNG
BY THE
FIRE-
PLACE!

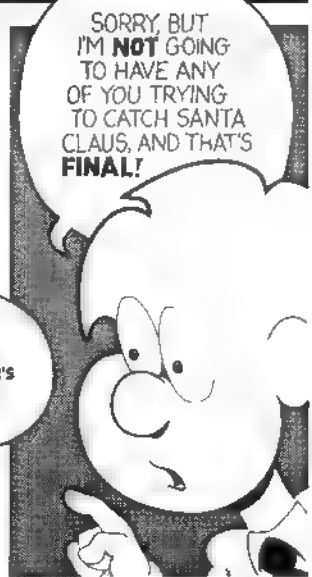
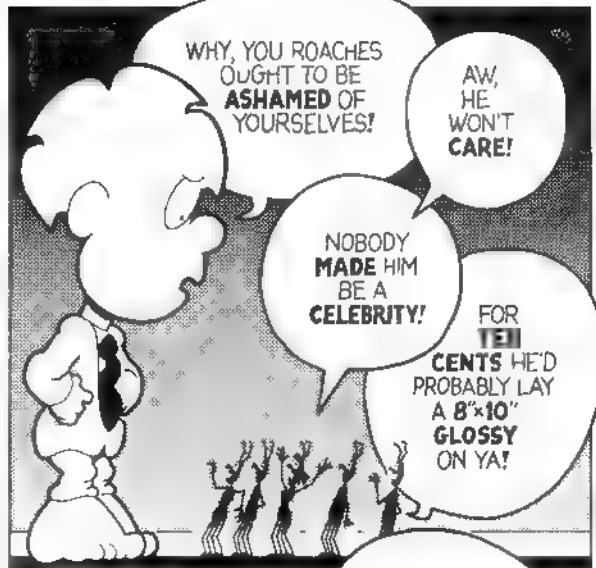
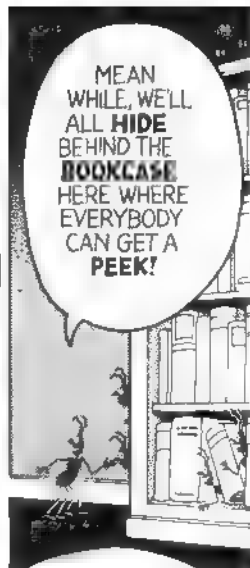
SO I
SEE!

IT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN A
GOOD IDEA TO
WASH THEM
FIRST, BUT...

HOW
LONG DO
YOU THINK
IT'LL BE BEFORE
SANTA CLAUS
GETS HERE?

WHAT DOES
IT **MATTER?** ALL
OF YOU WILL
BE **FAST**
ASLEEP!

NO, WE
WANT TO
STAY UP
AND **SEE**
HIM!



I STEN,
THIS FELLA'S
GOT TALENT...

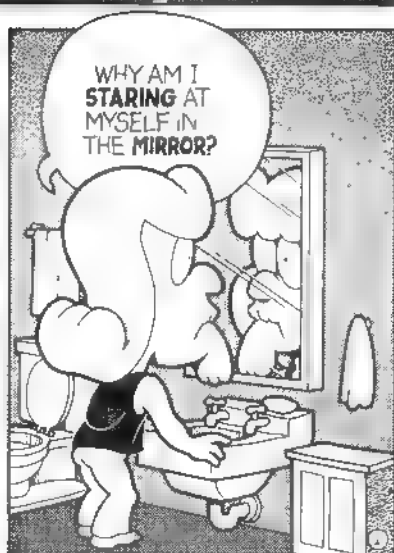
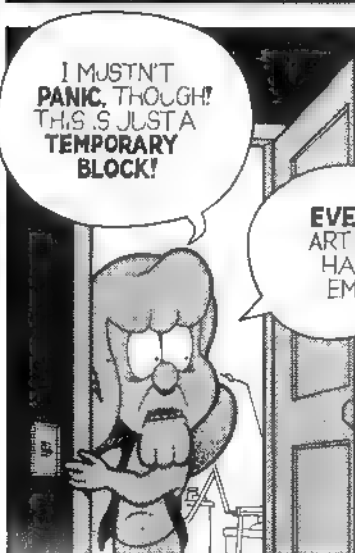
Sometimes the
seconds tick by
grimly for

AND GOD
KNOWS, I
SUFFER!

Barefootz's Artist Pal...

Headrack

in...
"A LITTLE NIGHT MISERY"



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COULD I
SEE BEFORE ME
THE FACE OF A
FAILURE?



YESSIR. FOR
AWHILE I **DID** FANCY
MYSELF AN 'ART ST' BUT
NOW I CAN SEE THAT MY
REAL FUTURE LIES IN
HAWKING **DONNY & MARIE**
DISPOSABLE
POPCORN
POPPERS!

IT'S A
HELLUVA
FIELD,
SON



SNAP OUT
OF IT **HEADRACK!**
IT'S **LATE** AND
YOU'RE **TIRED!**

I **TRED**
BUT NOT
SLEEPY!



I COULD
ALWAYS GO
OUT TO A
BAR.

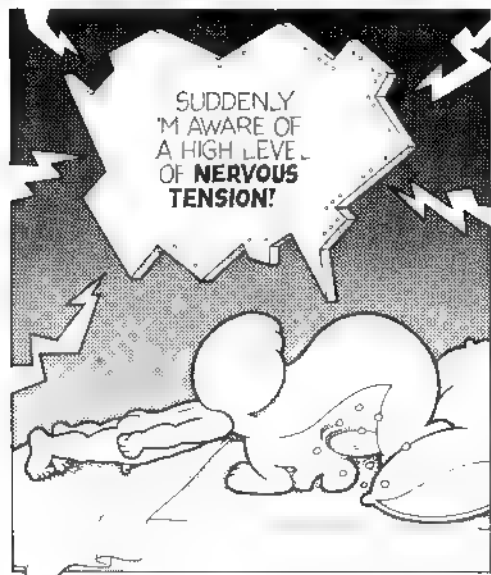
.. COULDN'T
I, MUFF?



NO! I NEED
A GOOD NIGHT'S
SLEEP SO THAT I'LL
FEEL **ENERGETIC**
AND **CREATIVE**
TOMORROW!



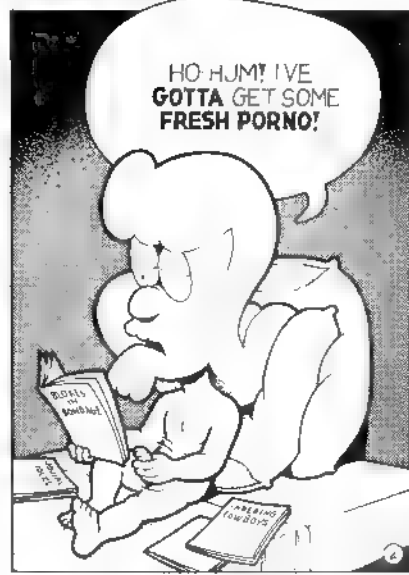
YAWN! I'LL JUST
KEEP **YAWNING**
'TIL TH SANDMAN
GETS TH 'MESSAGE'



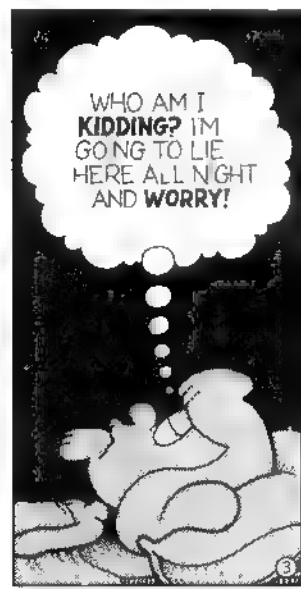
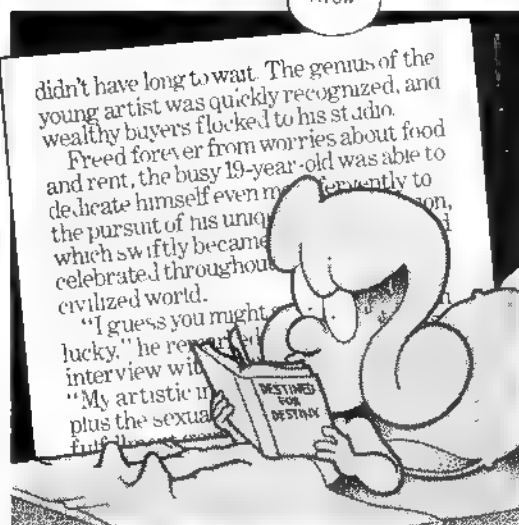
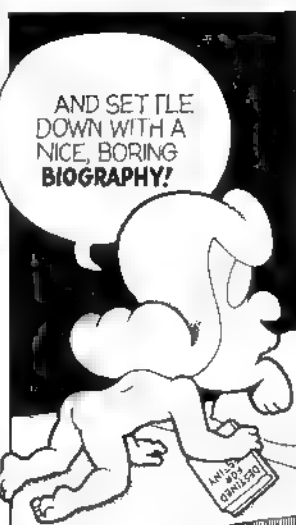
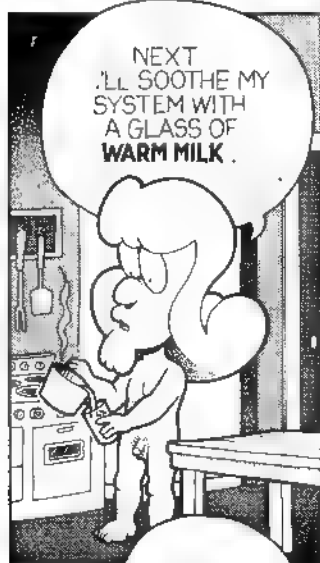
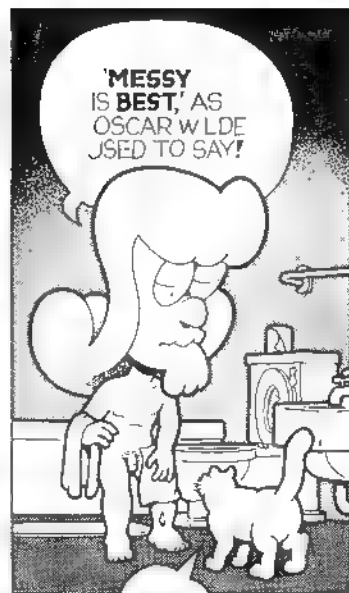
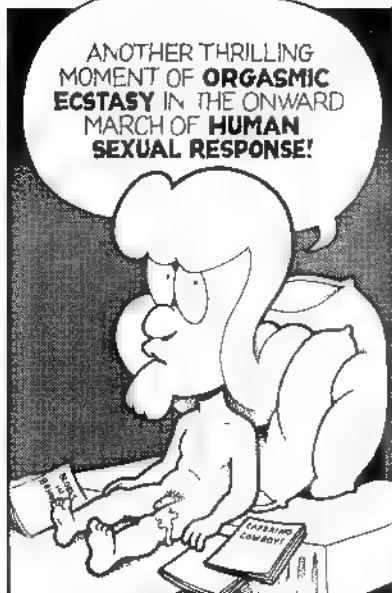
SUDDENLY
I'M AWARE OF
A HIGH LEVEL
OF **NERVOUS**
TENSION!



MAYBE IF
I 'JERK-OFF'
IT'LL IRON
OUT THE
KINKS!



HO-HUM! I'VE
GOTTA GET SOME
FRESH PORNO!



MAYBE I
SHOULD JUST
FACE THE FACT
THAT MY WELL
HAS RUN DRY!

MY VISIONS
ARE PALE AND
BORING! I'VE LOST
CONTACT WITH MY
MYTHIC LEVELS OF
CONSCIOUSNESS!

I PROBABLY
NEVER HAD
ANY REAL
TALENT TO
BEGIN WITH!

OH, SURE, I'VE
GOT 'TALENT'...
I MEAN, I WAS
AN EARLY WHIZ
AT CRAYOLAS!

BUT
WHATEVER
MADE ME THINK
THAT I COULD
SOAR WITH THE
IMMORTALS AND
PAINT INDELIBLE
IMAGES ACROSS
THE HORIZONS
OF TIME?

WHEN I WAS
YOUNG, AT LEAST
I HAD PASSION
AND DIVINE
IGNORANCE...
BUT CHRIST!—
I'M OVER
THIRTY!!

I'M A JOKE! I'M
AN ACID-HAIRED
FREAK WHO WON'T
TURN LOOSE
OF THE SIXTIES!
MY ARRESTED
ADOLESCENCE
HAS ARRESTED
ADOLESCENCE!

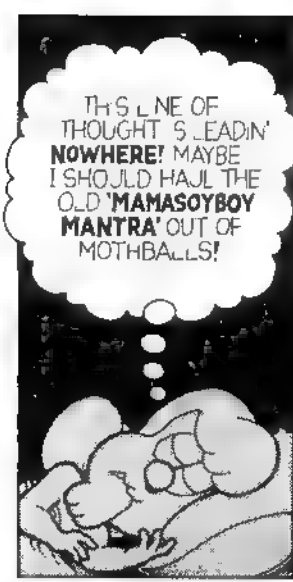
STILL,
TONIGHT COULD
BE A TURNING
POINT! AT LAST
I'M LOOKIN' AT
MYSELF IN THE
COLD GLARE OF
REALITY!

IT'S A SIGN
OF MATURITY
TO FACE UP
TO ONE'S
OWN BASIC
MEDIOCRITY,
ISN'T IT?

BUT WHAT
CAN I DO WITH
MYSELF IF I
HAVE TO JUNK
MY DREAMS OF
GREATNESS?

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
TO GET A
JOB! I'M
A MISFIT
IN THE
MODERN
WORLD!

I CAN'T EVEN
QUALIFY FOR A
FUCKIN' BANK
AMERICARD!

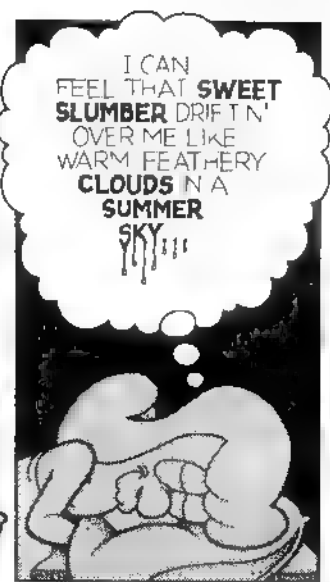


THIS LINE OF
THOUGHT'S LEADIN'
NOWHERE! MAYBE
I SHOULD HAUL THE
OLD '**MAMASOYBOY
MANTRA**' OUT OF
MOTHBALLS!



MAMASOYBOYVUMULUKRISHKROSH
MAMASOYBOYVUMULUKRISHKROSH
MAMASOYBOYVUMULUKRISHKROSH
MAMASOYBOYVUMULUKRISHKROSH
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MAMASOYBOYVUMULUKRISHKROSH

WHEW!
IT'S **WORKIN'!**
I'M **CALMIN'**
DOWN!



I CAN
FEEL THAT **SWEET
SLUMBER** DRIFTIN'
OVER ME LIKE
WARM FEATHERY
CLOUDS IN A
**SUMMER
SKY!!!**



DRIP...

OH, NO!
THE
FAUCET!

DRIP...



DRIP...

DRIP...

DRIP...

DRIP...

TICK
TOCK
TICK
TOCK
TICK
TOCK
TICK
TOCK

I WON'T
LISTEN
TO IT
I WON'T
LISTEN
TO IT



DRIP Creak humm
TICK
TOCK DRIP
Honk SLAM
BUMP
TICK
TOCK
DRIP
DRIP
ARRGH!



C'MERE,
CAT! YOU
JUST GOT
DRAFTED!



I WANT YOU TO
BE A **SWEET KITTY**
AND COME **PURR**
FOR DADDY!



FEW THINGS IN
NATURE ARE MORE
SOOTHING THAN A
WARM, PURRING **FELINE**
LUXURIATING ON HER
MASTER'S **SHEETS...**

Whiss!
SCRATCH
LOVE!

♪ OTHER THAN, PERHAPS, A MIDNIGHT SNACK OF ROAST PUSSY WITH CRANBERRIES! ♪



THAT'S NICE NOW GET ALL COMFY AND WE'LL BOTH SNOOZE LIKE BABIES!



SHE'S GONNA FART! I KNOW SHE'S GONNA FART! JUST AS SOON AS I START TO DRIFT OFF, SHE'S GONNA FART



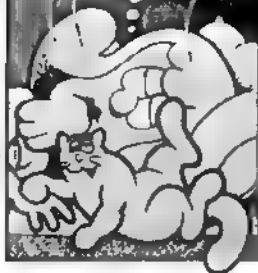
LONG H3 RS PAS

I THINK I'M FINALLY ABOUT TO DOZE I HAVEN'T HAD AN ANXIETY ATTACK IN FIVE MINUTES!



YAWN!

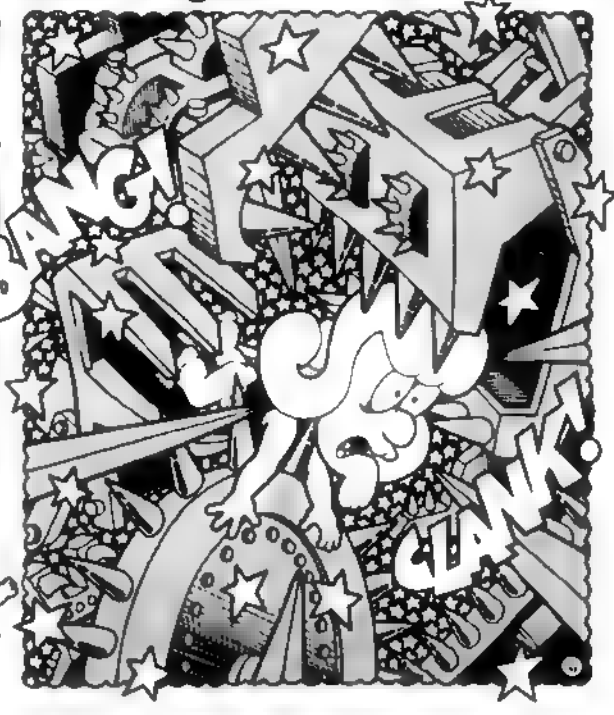
AND GREAT TIMING, TOO—THE SUN IS COMIN' UP!

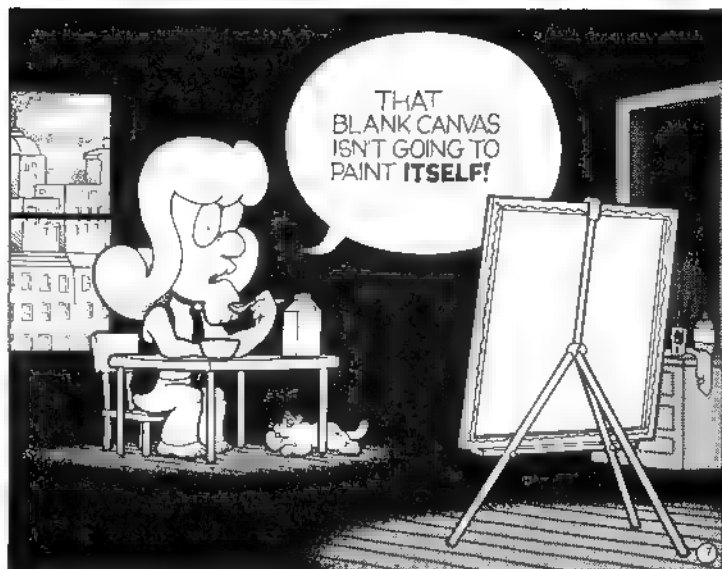


OH, WELL MAYBE I CAN STILL SQUEEZE A LITTLE BIT O' REST OUTA THIS F ASKO



GASP! PAST MY HANDS! MY FEET!... WHAT'S HAPPENING?





WELL, I'M SUPPOSED
TO BE AN **ARTIST**! I
GUESS I BETTER HACK
OUT **SOMETHING**!

THERE IS
SUCH A THING AS
PROFESSIONALISM,
AFTER ALL!

I'VE LOST
TOUCH WITH
EVERYTHING
I'VE EVER
CARED ABOUT!

IT'S **VAPID**
AND **ARTIFICIAL**!
IT'S GOT NO **SOUL**!

I
HATE
IT!

BOF!

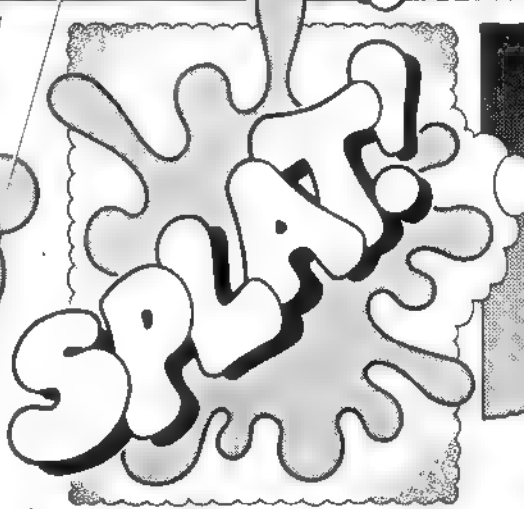
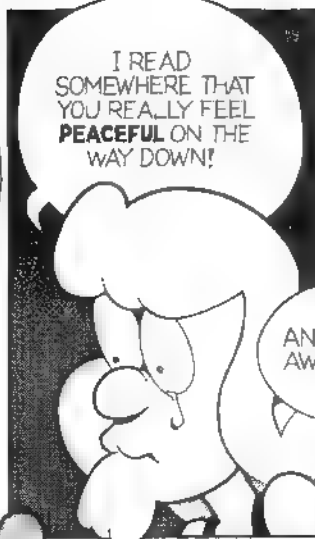
Crunch!

MY
DIVINE **FLAME** HAS
BEEN **SNUFFED**! I'M A
BURNT-OUT SHELL OF
PITIFUL PRETENSIONS!

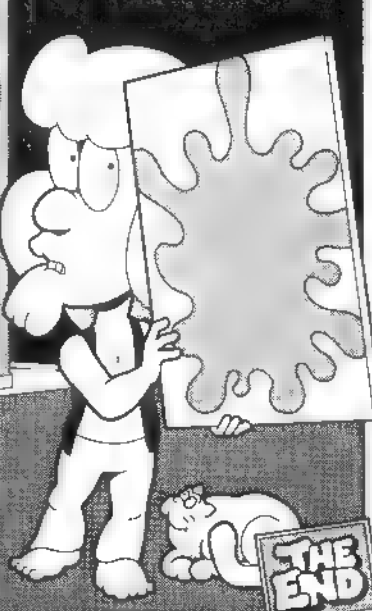
EVERYTHING
BEAUTIFUL IN
LIFE WILL **MOCK**
ME FOR THE REST
OF MY DAYS!

THERE'S
ONLY
ONE
THING
LEFT
TO DO!

BETTER A
SWIFT EXIT
THAN YEARS
OF **BITTER**
FAILURE AND
REGRET!



A FEW DAYS LATER



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WE MISSED YOU AT THE BRIDGE PARTY, LESTER!

YEH I WAS UP ALL NIGHT TENDIN' TO GRANDMA!

AW, IS YOUR GRANDMOTHER SICK AGAIN?

AFRAID SO! IT LOOKS SERIOUS. TH' DOC DIAGNOSED IT AS 'RIGOR MORTIS'

HE DIDN'T SEEM TOO HOPEFUL, BUT THEN HE DON'T KNOW GRANDMA!

RIGOR MORTIS'??

SHE'S GOT A LOT OF GRIT!

ALL US KIDS HAVE BEEN PITCHIN' IN.. SHE'S PRETTY WEAK, BUT WE'RE GIVIN' ER EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!

HELL.. IT'S THE OLD-FASHIONED REMEDIES THAT'LL PULL 'ER THROUGH! THESE MODERN DOCTORS ARE TOO QUICK TO THROW IN THE TOWEL!

YOU'VE GOTTA HAND IT TO GRANDMA, THOUGH... SHE'S REALLY BEIN' BRAVE ABOUT TH' WHOLE THING!

BUT LESTER, IF SOMEBODY'S GOT 'RIGOR MORTIS', IT MEANS THEY'RE ALREADY DEAD!

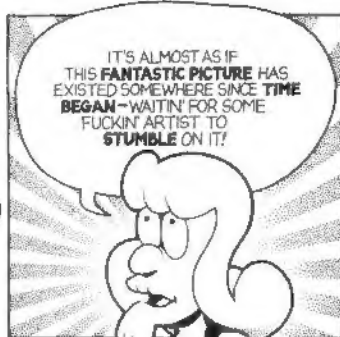
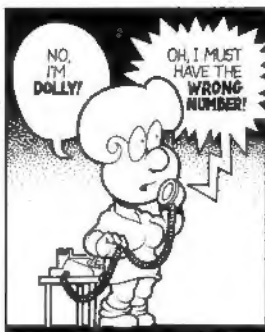
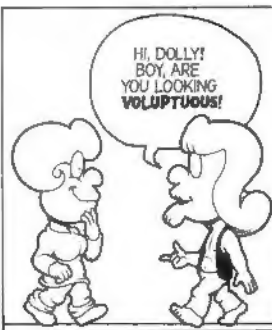
OH, REALLY?

WELL, THAT EXPLAINS IT!

SNAP!

THE OL' BAG'S NEVER TAKEN SEVENTEEN ~~ENIGMA~~ WITHOUT CUSSIN' BEFORE!

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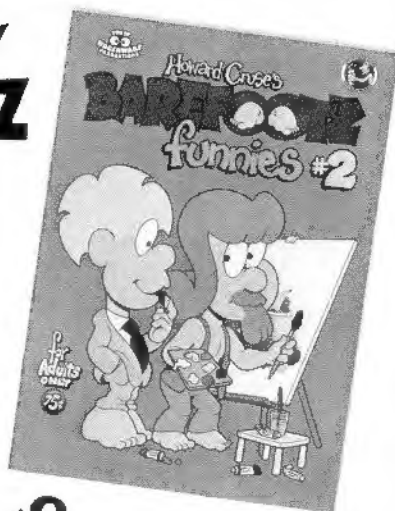




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DIS AIN'T
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